

Negro Leaders Of South Recommend:

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City-Wide Patriotic Program At New Zion Sunday At 3

There will be a city-wide Patriotic program at New Mt. Zion Baptist Church at 3 p. m., Sunday, December 20.

The program, sponsored by Local No. 311 of the Plasterers and Cement Finishers Union, and the Publicity Committee of the Hinds County Negro War Savings Committee has as its purpose the furtherance of the patriotic efforts of the people of the city in every phase of the war effort.

Prof. S. W. Miller, prominent business man, civic and church leader, and gifted speaker, will deliver the principal address of the evening. Other speakers who will appear on the program are: Mr. Earl Banks, chairman of the Hinds County Negro War Savings Committee, Mr. J. H. Coates, Security Insurance Company, Rev. W. H. Blackman, pastor of Pratt Chapel, Perry Greene, editor of the Jackson Advocate, and Joe Lewis, president of the State Plasterers and Cement Finishers.

Washington Co. Farmer Wins Newspaper Award

GREENVILLE, Miss. — George Jennings, 58 year old owner of 80 fertile acres near Greenville, Washington county, Miss., is the 1942 Live-At-Home champion of the Mid-South.

He won the title, the \$250 grand sweepstakes prize and The Commercial Appeal award, a sterling silver steak set, at the fifth annual Live-At-Home Rally at Manassas High School recently by defeating 41,293 Negro farm families of Tennessee, Mississippi and Arkansas in The Commercial Appeal's agricultural competition.

Running Jennings a close second for grand sweepstakes honors was 62 year old Paul Sampson of Dyer county, Tenn., who walked off with the top prize in Tenant Division of the contest, \$100 given in cash by the Memphis Negro Chamber of Commerce.

Martin Zook, chairman of the Agricultural Committee of the Memphis Chamber of Commerce, presented the organization's check and the steak set to Jennings and his wife Donzelle, while the tenant sweepstakes prize was given by L. J. Searcy, president of the Memphis Negro Chamber of Commerce.

The outstanding example this family has set in living at home soil conservation, crop diversification and farm and home management should prove an inspiration to every Negro farm family in the Mid-South," Mr. Zook declared. "I hope to see the day when every one of our southern farmers adopts the sound farming practices that have made the Jennings family a credit to their community."

Maryland Boy Makes Honor Roll At Piney Woods

PINEY WOODS, Miss.—Edward Travers, Jr., of Baltimore and Taylor's Island, Maryland, who is again continuing a very good scholarship record being placed on the "Honor Roll," for the second six weeks ending recently, issued by the registrar Edward, a Senior in the college dept., is a 1937 graduate of the St. Clair High School at Cambridge, Maryland.

Business Leader



Mr. Sanders McLaughlin, Canton, Miss., prominent in building trade circles of the state, and active in church and civic affairs in the Madison County City.

Red Cross Will Conduct Classes On Food Values

The Hinds County Chapter of the American Red Cross is planning to conduct classes in Nutrition and Canteen for the purpose of giving training to home makers in food values and food preparation in order to help them to better handle the food problems in their own homes as well as to assist with community problems. Persons taking canteen classes will be trained for service in the event of disaster or enemy action.

Applicants should be secured at the William Johnson Community Center on N. Farish Street. For further information, call Mrs. G. A. Price, 1143 W. Pearl Street. Phone 4-5903.

Women's War Savings Group Sponsors Bond Sale

The Women's Division of the Hinds County Negro War Savings Committee of which Mrs. M. M. Hubert is Staff representative, and Miss Lila Hopkins, chairman, will sponsor a special sale of war stamps and bonds at the Alamo Theatre Friday night, December 18, and Monday night, December 21.

During the two-day event, stamps and bonds will be sold in the theatre by a group of young women in patriotic costumes.

A special feature will be the program Monday night, beginning at 8 o'clock with pep speeches by prominent business and civic leaders of the city.

Security Life Stresses Essay Contest

Security Life Insurance Company is anxious that the students district presidents and Jean agents win all the prizes offered. Read the Educational Journal for this month, or the last weeks issue of the Jackson Advocate for full details, or write Prof. W. W. Blackburn, executive secretary, Mississippi Association of Teachers in Colored Schools, or J. H. Coates, general manager Security Life Insurance Company, 125 1-2 North Farish Street, Jackson, Miss.

Security Life Insurance Company, J. H. Coates, general manager.

Meridian Elks Hold Memorial Services Sunday

MERIDIAN, Miss. — Metropolitan Lodge No. 551 I. B. P. O. E. of W. and R. B. Matthews Temple No. 739 held at Joint Memorial service at the Elks Rest Sunday afternoon at 4 p. m. Prof. O. W. Twyner delivered the principal address.

D. T. Webster, prominent Meridian business man is exalted ruler of the Metropolitan Lodge and Mrs. Lillian Harris, is Daughter Ruler of R. B. Matthews Temple. A large crowd attended the services.

99th Squadron Ready For Duty Overseas

THOUSANDS OF BLACK FIGHTERS TO JOIN ALLIED AFRICAN CAUSE

Charter For Race Relations Proposed

Views of Representatives Of Ten States Are Released

The views of representatives from ten Southern states who attended the Southern Conference on Race Relations held at Durham, N. C., October 20, were released Monday in the form of a "Statement by Southern Negroes" with a view of forming a real 'Basis for Interracial Cooperation and Development in the South.'

A Virginia Sponsoring Group, of which P. B. Young was chairman, called the Durham conference and released the statement as the first step toward the writing of "A New Charter for Race Relations" by members of both races. The conference was permanently organized and the cooperation of interested white people invited.

ACUTE ISSUES

The statement took cognizance of the sharpening by the war of the issue of Negro-white relations in the United States, and particularly in the South and said that "these issues are acute and threaten to become even more serious as they increasingly block through the deeper fears aroused, common sense consideration for even elementary problems of race relations in the welfare of the country as a whole."

The group recognized that "our first loyalty" is to the success of the world-wide struggle in which our nation is engaged, but said that "our loyalty does not, in our view, preclude consideration now of problems and situations that handicap the working out of internal improvements in race relations essential to our full contribution to the war effort, and of the inevitable problems of post-war reconstruction, especially in the South where we reside."

Fundamentally opposed to the principle and practice of compulsory segregation in American society, the group regarded it as "both sensible and timely to address ourselves now to the current problems of racial discrimination and neglect, and to ways in which we may cooperate in the advancement of programs at the sound in the democratic framework."

In the section of political and civil rights, the statement said that the ballot was regarded as a safeguard of democracy and that any discrimination against citizens in the exercise of the voting privilege, on account of race or poverty, is detrimental to the freedom of these citizens and to the integrity of the South.

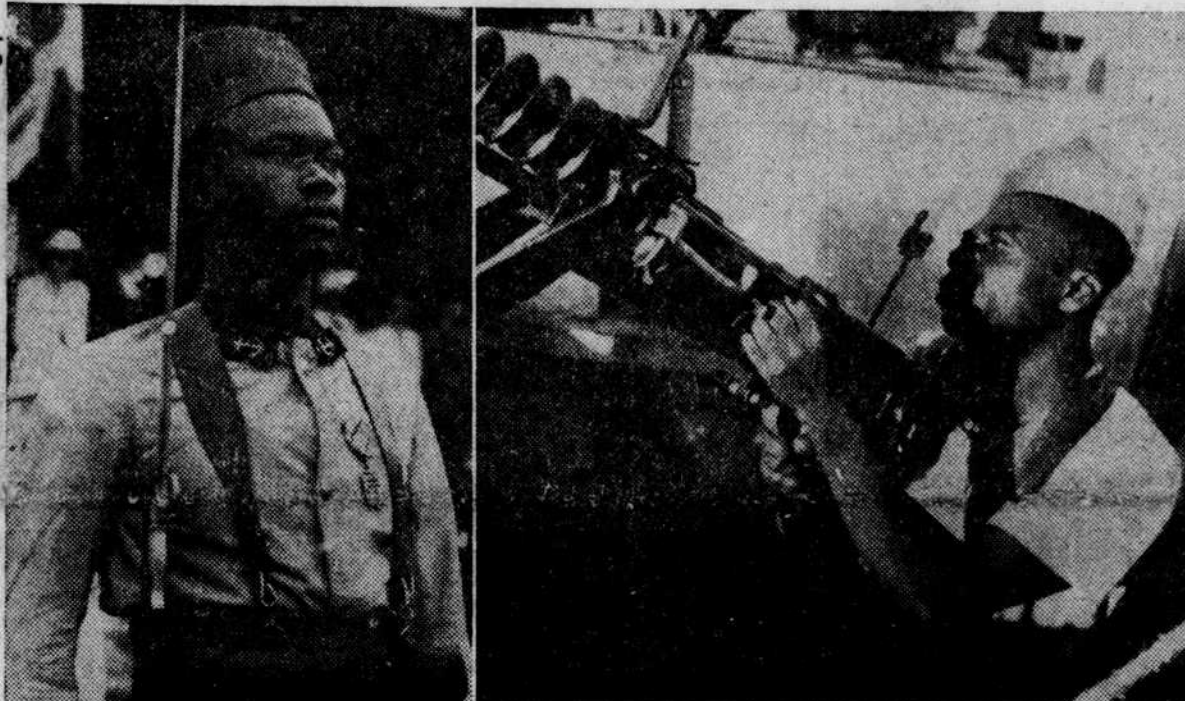
POLL TAX HIT

Abolition of the poll tax as a prerequisite to voting, abolition of the white primary and abolition of all forms of discriminatory practices, evasions of the law, and intimidations of citizens seeking to exercise their right of franchise was urged immediately.

Protection of the Negro's civil rights through discontinuance of the exclusion of Negroes from jury service because of race, use of Negro police, equality of convenience and service in public carriers and terminals, enforcement of laws that would prevent lynchings or the acceptance of federal legislation and the use of qualified Negroes on social planning, emergency and control boards and programs was also urged.

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Respected As First Class Fighting Men



—Recognized the world over as first class fighting men are these French Colonial Troops, who are playing such an important part in the offensive campaign of the United Nations in Africa. At left is pictured a Tirailleur (native infantryman) who has just been decorated with the Cross of Liberation, France's highest honor, at Brazzaville, Fighting French Africa. The decoration was awarded by Gen. DeGaulle for bravery in action. At top right is pictured one of the many black aircraft gunners, who make it extremely hot for the Luftwaffe in its attack on merchant marine and other vessels of the United Nations. At bottom right it was Fighting French colonial troops like this trench mortar battery, who played an important part in the rout of Gen. Rommel's Afrika Corps.—(Free French Photos by OWI)

Negro Christmas Cheer In Need Of Funds

Dr. S. D. Redmond, president of the Jackson Negro Christmas Cheer Club, says that in view of the great advance in food prices,

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Funeral Rites Are Held For Death Victim

Funeral rites in the chapel of the Peoples Funeral Home were held last Thursday for Mason Brown of Terry, Miss., whose death occurred under mysterious circumstances Saturday night, December 5. He was found dead with his skull crushed on the highway between Crystal Springs and Terry. No clues were found regarding the circumstances of his death.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Beaulah Brown, two sisters, Mrs. Ekna Brown Whiting, and Mrs. Emma Walker of Jackson, Miss., and a number of other relatives. He was buried at his home in Terry, Miss.

Mississippians With Air Units In Oklahoma

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. —Two men, (colored) formerly of Greenville, Miss., are now stationed at the Oklahoma City Air Depot, newest establishment of the Air Service Command for the maintenance and repair of aircraft and the training of air depot groups. All attached to an aviation squadron. They are:

Pvt. Willie George Price, whose wife lives at 205 Moore St., Greenville. He was a mill fireman before he entered the Army.

Pvt. Louis Albert, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Albert, 201 Gilbert St., Greenville. He was transferred here from Camp Shelby, Miss.

Pvt. James Albert Bullock, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Bullock, 608 West Church St., Greenwood. Before he entered the Army, he was employed by the Buckeye Cotton-Oil Mill Company as a mill runner.

Pvt. Arnold Bibb, son of Edd Jack Bibb, Route 2, Greenwood. He was formerly employed in defense work.

Pvt. Clifton Bell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Lee Bell, Route 2, Greenwood. He worked at farm-

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J. H. Coates Extends Season's Greetings To All

Thru time immemorial, yea, thru aeons of centuries, "Evil hearted power-thirsty, war-mongering bigots have forced the darkness of war! To hang, like an appalling ominous shroud over the hearts of men. In many cases, "One man" ordered it. That darkness, in its ultimate hangs over the hearts of men today! As we face a world torn asunder by war and hate.

But, may God Almighty keep us, even in this extraordinary holocaust, reminded that "In the darkened skies nineteen centuries ago, there came a "Great Light" a "Super-dazzling Light" heralding the coming of the "Prince of Peace." And, nineteen centuries of strife caused by evilhearted, power-thirsty bigots have failed to "Black-out" the glaring radiance of that "Divine Light," as it grows ever brighter in the hearts of men of "Good Will" as it still carries the great message of "Peace and brotherly love to all mankind, even "Negroes!" And peace and brotherly love are not black-out. Thank God that some of us, few though they be, still know that our everlasting hope is in, and shall always be in that "Light of Bethel."

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Senegalese Are Most Feared Men In Whole World

Governor Eboue Rallies Warriors To Freedom Cause

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (SNS)—From the land of Batling Siki—French West Africa—may come to reinforce the United Nations Armies some 50,000 of the most feared and effective soldiers of France the dreaded Senegalese.

These black troops are particularly formidable on desert fighting at close quarters, with the bayonet, rifle and machine gun. Already, under Fighting French command in the Chad region, Negro troops have confirmed the almost legendary reputation they earned on the battlefields of France in the last War.

It supplied by the United States and Britain with new equipment the Senegalese along with other veteran French Colonial troops it is believed, can constitute a formidable addition to the armies now at the disposal of General Eisenhower in the African war.

Fighting French sources in Washington estimate that there are around 25,000 Senegalese at Dakar and an additional 25,000 scattered throughout French territory.

It was French Colonial troops, including Senegalese, who in the Chad province struck one of the first blows for French liberation by preventing a junction between the Italian Libyan Army under Marshal Graziani and the Fascist Ethi-

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Ethiopia Joins World Struggle

WASHINGTON. — (SNS) The Ethiopian legation in London announced Monday that it had been advised from Addis Ababa that the Ethiopian government has declared war on Germany, Japan and Italy.

President Roosevelt ordered lend-lease aid extended to the government of Ethiopia last week, declaring that "the defense of Ethiopia is vital to the defense of the United States."

Ethiopia was welcomed to membership in the United Nations by President Roosevelt on October 9, 1942, after Haile Selassie, Emperor of Ethiopia, had cabled Mr. Roosevelt.

"My government and people are anxious to assume the obligations of the United Nations pact. We, the first nation to regain its freedom and independence, wish to place the military and economic resources of our country at the disposal of those nations who gladly sacrifice all for liberty and justice." Emperor Selassie and his staff returned to Addis Ababa recently after the British, with the aid

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